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In re: Bovin et al.

Application Serial No.: 10/019,902

Filed: July 2, 2002

For: *INTERMOLECULARLY ASSOCIATING COMPOUNDS, AND AGGREGATES
COMPRISING THEM*

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 28, 2004 regarding the above-referenced patent application. A Petition for Extension of Time is included herewith.

Election of Claims

The Office Action states that an election of an m-valent unit "X" is required.

Applicants elect CH_{4-m} as the species "X." This election is made with the understanding that Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species, as noted by the Examiner.

Applicants acknowledge the withdrawal of the finding of lack of unity.

Remarks

Claims 1-6, 8-12, 14-16, 18, 20, 23, 27 and 28 are pending in this application.

Applicants note that the Office Action summary sheet indicates that claims 1-6, 8-12, 14-16, 18, 20, 23, 26 and 27 are pending. Applicants point out that claim 26 was canceled in the Amendment filed January 21, 2004 and thus, the pending claims are 1-6, 8-12, 14-16, 18, 20, 23, 27 and 28.

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Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0220 in the amount of \$110.00 for a one month extension of time. Applicants believe that this amount is correct. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220

Respectfully submitted,

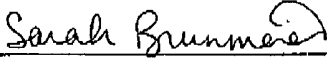


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